

REMARKS

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2007, please enter the amendments set forth above and consider the following remarks. By this Response, claims 1-2 and 9-10 are amended, and no claims are added or cancelled. No new matter is added via this Response. After entry of this paper, claims 1-14 will remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner: (i) rejected claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,035,272 to *Nomura* ("*Nomura*"); and (ii) indicated that claims 2-8 and 10-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Nomura*. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections, noting that *Nomura* does not disclose every element of amended claims 1 or 9.

With respect to claim 1, for example, the Examiner has stated that *Nomura* discloses "a device capable of correcting time stamp value comprising: an original time counter configured to generate and output an original time value...." Applicant, however, respectfully disagrees and submits that the "original time" recited in amended claim 1 is substantially different from the allegedly corresponding element of *Nomura*. By way of one example, in *Nomura*, the value of cycle time data in the cycle start packet synchronized with a 24.576 MHz reference clock signal generated by the cycle master (hereinafter referred to simply as a reference clock signal) is reflected in the value of the cycle time register in each device so as to synchronize the value of the cycle time register every 125 μ s. Moreover, the "original time" element disclosed by *Nomura* clearly refers to the value of the cycle time register (See Col. 1, 43-47), which is the IEEE-1394 standard. In amended claim 1, however, the "original time" generated and outputted by the original time counter is time that is never affected by a discontinuous change in cycle time caused when a cycle master is changed to another. Accordingly, because *Nomura* does not disclose this limitation, amended claim 1 is allowable for at least these reasons.

The Examiner has also alleged that *Nomura* discloses all the limitations recited in claim 9, wherein the Examiner provides similar reasons for rejecting claim 9 as was given above with respect to the Examiner's rejection of claim 1. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the method described in independent claim 9 is allowable for at least the reasons similar to those set forth above in connection with independent claim 1, as per the amendments to claim 9 set forth above.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) have been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections and allowance of claims 1 and 9 is respectfully requested.

Conclusory Remarks

Claims 2-8 and 10-14 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has rewritten the relevant claims accordingly, and respectfully submits that these claims are now in condition for formal allowance.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-14 are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number below in order to speed the prosecution of this application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1896 referencing Attorney Docket 352003-991280.

Respectfully submitted,

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